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## Village Taxes & Assessments

The recent annexation of property in Markham Township will add approximately 450 new assessments to Richmond Hill Village Assessment Roll this year. The help that this will give to the Village will be welcomed. A very great benefit will also be derived from the Assessor's recent revision of the Business Assessment to bring them all within the terms of the Assessment Act. This cannot help but re-

lieve the burden on home owners. Business Tax is a deductible expense in the Profit and Loss Statement.

All our Assessor is interested in Assessments but the anticipated relief in Taxes will be appreciated.

We understand a re-assessment of the whole enlarged Village is in the offing and plans for the same have already been made by the Assessor.

## Community Spirit

Community spirit is an essential ingredient in the make-up of every Canadian village, town and city. It is the binding force that knits a community together into something more than a mere collection of dwellings.

Community spirit is often rather weak and inept in our crowded cities. There the individual is submerged and detached in the rushing everyday existence of the big city. Many never seem to get their feet on the ground so to speak and become an integral part of the overall community.

Those residing in our smaller centres are given a greater opportunity for growth and service, and a chance to develop those two very important parts of a community spirit, a sense of belonging and a sense of responsibility. The person living in the town or village can feel secure in the knowledge he is wanted, that his presence

is essential to the well-being of the home town. The smaller community affords both young and old ample opportunity to personally participate in the operation of their municipality. And what is more important the individual can see the end result of his labors. The Churches, Service Clubs, Trade Associations, Boards of Educations, and Municipal Councils all require the active assistance of energetic men and women. These organizations which play such a vital role in the life of the community warrant the support of all its citizens. Even in not going so far afield one can make a worth while contribution by simply being a good and conscientious neighbour.

A healthy community is dependent on the interest and effort the residents show on its behalf. So let us take time out to look for further avenues of service right here in our own hometown.

## Many Afflicted With Heart Disease

It is estimated that more than half a million people in Canada are today suffering from some form of disease of the heart and blood vessels, according to Dr. John D. Keith of the Canadian Heart Association. And each year these diseases constitute the largest group of causes of death in the country.

Approximately half the deaths in people over 50 years of age fall into this group, states Dr. Keith. "The heart and blood vessels produce three times as many deaths as cancer, five times as many as violence and accidents, eight times as many as tuberculosis."

Diseases falling into this group do not confine their attack to the elderly. Rheumatic fever is still prominent among causes of children's deaths — fourth most important cause in the 10 to 20 year age group. And each year in Canada approximately 700 infants die in their first year

of life from congenital heart diseases.

Research in heart disease is placed high on the list of ways to cut this tragic annual loss — "We don't yet know the cause of rheumatic fever, high blood pressure or hardening of the arteries," points out Dr. Keith.

And another important and promising line of attack is a broad vocational guidance, rehabilitation and employment program for older victims of heart disease.

"Men and women suffering from heart disease have quite a potential contribution to make to our society if we will accept it," says Dr. Keith. "We need to offer vocational guidance to the younger people and planned rehabilitation and employment programs to the older ones. The individual with heart disease should be encouraged to apply for a job in many businesses that now discriminate against him."



PROBLEMS of water supply and flood control have plagued the world since the beginning of time. These Greek villagers have learned how to protect their crops and control their rivers by using idle manpower for community development, another phase of U.N. technical aid program.

## Sunday Afternoon

By Dr. Archer Wallace

### "WHAT YOUNGSTERS NEED"

Not long ago, when the Ontario Teachers' Federation held its annual Easter meetings at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Dr. Clarence M. Hincks, famous psychiatrist, told a story I am glad to pass on.

It was about a boy who was excessively shy and utterly lacking in self-confidence. Let us call him Charlie. The conceited lad is often unpopular but so is the boy whose sense of inferiority makes him a poor mixer and Charlie's life was miserable by self-torture. He didn't feel equal to anything, either in the schoolyard or in the classroom. He was a good deal of a problem.

One day during noon-day recess he was practicing riding his bicycle as slowly as possible. It was a

### TODAY'S QUOTATION

Our quotation today is by Victor Hugo.  
"There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees."

form of recreation which had given him pleasure. He could ride his bicycle so slowly that it seemed to be at a standstill. Unknown to him the school principal watched from a nearby window.

Once a month a contest was held for senior scholars for which a prize was awarded. It varied from month to month and was accompanied by a local excitement and wholesome competition. The principal announced a new kind of contest. He said: "A substantial prize will be awarded to the boy or girl who can ride a bicycle across the playground slower than anyone else."

When the laughter subsided and the novelty died down, there were dozens of entries and for the first time Charlie was an entrant. The whole business was a surprise and turned out to be much more difficult than anyone had supposed. Charlie won easily. Some contestants had crossed the whole yard before Charlie had gone thirty feet.

A wise and understanding teacher knew when the lad and Charlie was given an ovation. When Dr. Hincks finished telling this story he said to the teachers: "All the facts of that story are true — I was that boy."

Dr. Hincks went on to say that it was a red letter day in his life. "Before that day," he said, "I was shy, nervous and utterly lacking in confidence, but from that day on I was a different lad. The praise from the principal and the goodwill of the other boys did something to me. It was my first prize but not my last."

I hope that when he became a distinguished man Dr. Hincks took the trouble to thank that teacher for the man deserved it. There comes a time in the life of most youngsters when they need a push in the right direction. Some need it more than others for to be lacking in self-confidence is a terrible handicap. A French essayist says: "Some go through life as a man would walk over a path of broken bottles with bare feet." That is true of all sensitive, timid youngsters. God bless the encouragers; we can stand more of them.

When the artist Benjamin West whose masterpieces, "The Death of Wolfe," and "Christ Healing the Sick", were to astonish the world, was a lad living in the backwoods of Pennsylvania, he drew a picture of his sister lying in her cot — just a simple sketch done in red and black ink. When his mother saw it she was delighted and kissed the lad. Writing of that incident towards the end of his career, West said: "That kiss made me a painter."

I have been editor of a young people's paper for over thirty years. We invite questions and I must have answered to the best of my ability, thousands of letters. I am sure I do not exaggerate when I say, at least, twenty per cent of the letters ask, in different ways: "How can I overcome a feeling of inferiority?"

In closing I say: God bless all teachers, parents and others who know how to encourage as did the teacher who helped young Hincks.

## "Dear Mr. Editor"

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF MARKHAM TOWNSHIP

At a recent meeting of council, Councillor Hooper suggested that the writer would use an extract from the latest letter from the Auditor to stop progress on the proposed Township Hall. I appreciated this suggestion and I quote from the above letter:

"The statistics as quoted above will indicate the favourable position of the Municipality as at 31st December, 1951. I believe it is the wish of all the citizens that it should maintain the present position. To accomplish this, it is my belief that expenditure involving the issuing of debentures should, or a few years, be kept at a minimum. Taxes should not be allowed to become such a burden as to make the payment of taxes impossible."

How can council proceed with an expenditure that is the size they intend in view of the Auditor's warnings? I believe everyone admits that we need better accommodation for our offices, but it has always been my contention that when we are spending other people's money they should have a voice in the spending of same. That is why I believe that this expenditure should be put before the people in Ballot form to seek their approval before going ahead.

Another thing I would like to point out is that nobody is fooled by the tenders being as low as \$50,000 up, because I understand that this figure does not include the following: heating, land, roadways, sewage disposal and electric wiring. What will be the final figure?

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Councillor Markham Twp.

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### FIRST LIBRARY IN RICHMOND HILL

On Thursday, December 23, 1852, a meeting was held for those interested in becoming shareholders in a Richmond Hill Library. Rev. J. Dick was chosen to preside and R. McClelland was appointed secretary.

A set of Rules and Regulations was drawn up and adopted. The Library was to be the exclusive property of the shareholders and payment of £1 currency constituted a shareholder. Subscribers who were recommended by a shareholder could have the privilege of drawing books according to the rules on the payment of 7½d per month. Each shareholder on drawing his first book had to pay 1s. 3d. toward defraying incidental expenses of the association. The Librarian's salary was to be £3 per annum and the Library was to be open every Tuesday evening from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Mr. R. McClelland was librarian for 1853. There were 54 shareholders paid in full and one half paid. Three hundred and sixty-seven books were then purchased. In 1854 Rev. Mr. Boyd, principal of the Grammar School became librarian and the library was moved to the school.

At a meeting on January 6, 1860, the committee reported several books missing and others in bad condition. It was suggested that the books be turned over to the Mechanics' Institute and readers would pay to the joint library, but it was not acted on.

In 1862 the fee for non-members was placed at 25c per quarter (1860 was the last year for the pound system). And in 1865 the members of the Mechanics' Institute were granted the privilege of us-

ing the library on the same terms as the shareholders, i.e. on payment of 25c per year. From these beginnings the Richmond Hill Public Library has developed until the present when they now have new quarters and an increased variety and large circulation.

### THE FIRST NEWSPAPER

A joint stock company called the Richmond Hill Printing Co. was formed in 1857 for the issuing of a weekly paper which was to be Conservative in politics. On June 12, 1857, the first copy of the "York Riding Gazette and Richmond Hill Advertiser" appeared with this motto "With or without offence to friends or foe we sketch the world just as it goes." Byron.

The subscription was 7s. 6d. in advance. The editor was Wm. Trudgeon, an aspiring politician in East York. When the paper failed to pay, Trudgeon bought the stock and renamed it "The British Tribune", however, it continued to lose money. In March, 1853, it changed hands, name and politics. The new "Commonwealth" was a Liberal paper under the editorship of Malcolm McLeod. In 1859 the name was changed to the "York Herald".

In 1863 the Herald suspended publication but continued as a job printing office until 1865 when publication was again resumed. In 1876 the Herald was again sold but shortly went out of existence to be replaced in 1878 by the "Richmond Hill Liberal". On 1882 the Liberal was purchased by Thomas McMahon, who continued as publisher until 1926.

Did You Know? In 1888 the High School Board advertised for a Head Master at a salary of \$1,000 a year.

## "Way Back When"

Excerpts from the files of The Liberal  
Home paper of the Richmond Hill district since 1878

### 60 YEARS AGO

August 14, 1892

From the "Locals" column — Petitions have been in circulation in Whitchurch praying the council of that township to submit a local option by-law.

It is said that Bond's Lake Hotel and the Oak Ridges Hotel are to change hands shortly.

Rural schools re-opened last Monday after the summer vacation. Schools in cities, towns and incorporated villages will commence duties on Monday, August 29.

### 50 YEARS AGO

August 18, 1902

Woodbridge has organized a lacrosse team with T. F. Wallace as Honorary President, E. Tremblin, President and James Wallace, as Secretary-Treasurer.

Beware! Complaints have been made about a certain young man who is in the habit of milking cows while they are pasturing in the west end of the village. We have been requested to state that if he continues, he will be prosecuted.

Special — Girls' tan calf skin laced boots, sizes 11, 13, 1 and 2, at 65c per pair, a great bargain; Boys' cotton pants and overalls, dress shirts, men's strong work shirts, worth 50c, to clear 35c. Naughton Bros., Elgin Mills.

### September 4, 1902

Officers and directors of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition are much pleased with the unprecedented success of the first three days of the fair.

Socials — Miss Gertrude Grant left Saturday for Fort Erie where she has been engaged as First Assistant of the Public School.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Savage spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan at Willowdale.

### 40 YEARS AGO

August 15, 1912

From the "Personals" — Maple — Mr. L. Hewitt and his bride spent several days last week at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. Mylks

Elgin Mills — Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Clubine of "Evergreen Place" were at home to their friends on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary on August 3.

### September 5, 1912

Maple — A large crowd assembled in the village last Sunday evening and listened to the concert given by the Richmond Hill Band. Mr. G. J. Laurie's lawn. The band played quite a number of selections and were served refreshments by Mrs. Laurie and her assistants.

Richmond Hill Council (Aug. 29) By resolution: Mr. H. B. Sterling was appointed to be electrical engineer for the village to have charge of the installation of an electric lighting system.

From the Ads — Girls' all wool black cashmere hose. 25c pr. Ladies' lama hose, black, 38c-50c pr. Atkinson and Switzer.

### 25 YEARS AGO

August 11, 1927

From the Council — Council proposes opening two streets joining Wright and Richmond Sts.: — The bad stretch of road on Yonge Street south of the village is being repaired. — Improvements costing about \$4,000, are proposed for the Waterworks. This will improve the water.

Mr. J. A. Greene, local tailor, reports that the currently fashionable wide trouser leg will be replaced by a narrower style.

### September 1, 1927

From the news page — Arrangements have been completed for the laying of Yonge St. Work will

commence about September 15.

Real Estate For Sale  
\$3600 — House on Centre St., stucco, almost new, 50 ft. frontage. 5 rooms — bath, oak floors, sun-room, verandah, fruit trees \$4.00 per foot at Lansing 160 ft. deep, water, light, easy terms. \$8.00 per foot in Richmond Hill, bounded by Wright and Richmond Sts. 7% discount for cash or \$1.00 per foot down and terms.

10 YEARS AGO  
September 3, 1942

Radial profits are up 51 per cent this year.

Our "Farm Commandos" hit the air waves this morning when the activities of local folk helping in the harvest field was the subject of Mrs. Aitken's broadcast.

## Weed Of The Week

Few biennial weeds are more commonly seen along the roadsides and in the hay fields of Ontario than Wild Carrot. Admired by some city dwellers under the name of Queen Ann's Lace, it is hated by many farmers under the name of Devil's Plague. In any case, its carrot-like leaves, its white flat-topped clusters of flowers and its fleshy tap root make it an easy weed to identify, and its habits make it one of the worst hay and pasture weeds.

Since Wild Carrot is a biennial, it does not normally produce flowers and seed until the second year of its life. However, these flowers usually appear after the first cut of hay has been taken off. Mr. Kingsbury adds that it comes along so rapidly at that time that the field must be mowed again to prevent the plant from blooming and producing seed. A considerable degree of control can be achieved if the infested areas are clipped this preventing seed from setting. If there are only a few scattered plants in the field, it will be well worth the trouble and time to dig them out and make sure they are killed.

Mr. Kingsbury feels that in a field which is heavily infested with Wild Carrot the best procedure is to take off a crop of hay and then plow the field. Once the field is plowed, it should be planted to clean cultivated crops for a couple of years before it is seeded down again.

For roadsides and old fields which are mainly grass, he recommends the use of 2-4-D. Spraying at the rate of one pound of actual acid per acre in late spring will destroy most of the current crop. A repeat application in early fall or the following spring will usually clean out most of the seedlings not killed with the first application. Repeated applications of smaller amounts on the badly infested patches will gradually eliminate this weed. Mr. Kingsbury warns that where clover is present in the field, 2-4-D should not be used. Under these conditions the best method of eradicating the weed is by repeated cultivation. While control of this weed can be more easily achieved than is the case with some of our weed pests, it will still require persistence to rid our farms of Wild Carrot.

In Washington, I hired a taxi to take me on a tour of the city. At the Lincoln Memorial I spent a long time inside, reading Lincoln's words again and studying that wonderful, compassionate face.

When I got back to the taxi the driver eyed me keenly. "Yeah," he said, "they all look like that. And then what do they do? They go back home and they don't even vote."

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Produced by William H. Pine and William C. Thomas  
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Wednesday & Thursday — September 10 & 11

### No three words ever meant so much to so many people...

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Screenplay by IRWIN SHAW  
Distributed by RKO Radio Pictures, Inc.

"I don't care... I don't care... I can't be left alone anymore... I love you!"

"My outfit's being shipped out... overseas... next week. It's my last chance to kiss an American girl!"

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